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Report of the Secretary-General

INTRODUCTION

1. By its resolution 31/192 of 22 December 1976, the General Assembly approved the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) and invited the organizations of the United Nations system to notify the Secretary-General of the acceptance of the statute. Article 14 of chapter V of the statute, on the conditions of service, states, inter alia, that "the Inspectors shall receive the salary and allowances payable to United Nations staff members at the Director (D-2) level, step IV". It should be noted that, in accordance with the salary scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories in effect at the time of the adoption of the statute, step IV was the highest step at the D-2 level.

2. By its resolution 44/198 of 21 December 1989, the General Assembly approved, effective 1 July 1990, a restructuring of the salary scale for staff in the Professional and higher categories. For the D-2 level, the restructuring included an increase in the number of steps from four to six, i.e., as of 1 July 1990, the highest step at the D-2 level, became D-2, step VI.

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I. REVIEW OF LEVEL OF REMUNERATION

3. The Secretary-General believes that the intent of the statute of JIU to place the members of JIU at the highest step of the Director level in the salary scale in force at the time of the adoption of the statute is evident and therefore proposes that the new level of remuneration for inspectors be established at the D-2 level, step VI.

4. Should the General Assembly agree with this proposal, a consequent amendment to article 14 of the statute of JIU will be required. This amendment would require approval by the General Assembly and consequent acceptance thereof by the organizations of the United Nations system.

5. The General Assembly might further wish to establish an effective date for the implementation of the increase in the level of remuneration for the members of JIU.

II. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Should the General Assembly approve the proposal made in paragraph 4 above, the financial implications related to the difference in net compensation between step IV and step VI would amount to $51,600 for 1991. Such additional requirement would be reported to the General Assembly in the context of the final performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991. It should be noted that, in accordance with article 20 (2) of chapter V of the statute of JIU, the expenditures of the Unit are shared by the participating organizations of the United Nations common system.